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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992,
1135 OG 23-24, Applicants hereby call the Examiner's attention to
documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be
material to the examination of this application.

No inference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is
equivalent to the subject invention. Also, the citation of the
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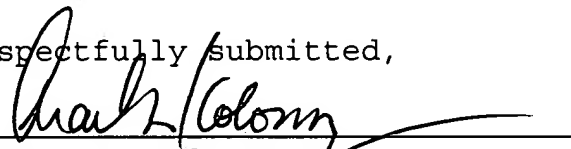
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necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicants also respectfully reserve the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the present patent application.

This Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months from the filing date but (presumably) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is required. If it is determined that a fee is required for this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

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